## 2011-2012 Program Monitoring Summary

District: Estill County
Program: Title I Part A

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Overview of Monitoring Process:

This compliance review monitors Title I, Part A activities at districts and each school within the district that receive Title I, Part A funds. The monitoring process includes the review of hard evidence collected and presented by the district and school(s) and interviews with district and school staff members. Everyone was very helpful during this monitoring process.

The following **district** compliance areas, each consisting of several components, are examined: 1) public school allocations; 2) allocations to neglected institutions; 3) homeless services; 4) parent involvement; 5) school improvement; 6) district improvement; 7) highly qualified staff; 8) consultation with schools receiving funds; 9) services to eligible private schools; and 10) fiscal management.

In addition, the following **school** compliance areas, each consisting of several components, are examined: 1) needs assessment; 2) program design and effectiveness; and 3) parent involvement.

## **Summary of Visit:**

This visit included on-site visits to the central office and the following schools: Estill Springs Elementary, West Irvine Elementary and South Irvine P-K Center. This district does not serve any private schools or the middle or high school. Benassi interviewed Elkie Davis the Title I Coordinator while Neil Watts went to West Irvine and South Irvine P-K Center. Then we both went to Estill Springs Elementary. It was a very productive visit.

## Findings:

During the visit, it was found that Estill County is out of compliance in a two components of the following district areas of Title I, Part A: 1.) Homeless Children and Youth and 2.) Fiscal Management.

The district was not out of compliance with the components of the school areas of Title I, Part A.

Follow up actions for each of the non-compliance components were requested and have been completed.

## **Recommendations:**

The district had to start spending their homeless funds and submit a MUNIS report to KDE showing the items have been drawn down. In the area of fiscal management the district had to change the postage and PO Box rental code 0531 to another area. They also had to show justification for their set asides for the teacher's retirement amount so it matched the ranking report. The district needed to submit a description of how they plan to label items correctly and finally make sure their last two quarters of expenditure reports were submitted to KDE. All of these recommendations have been addressed at this time.

Monitoring Documents: (Clicking the following links will direct you to the program area's monitoring documents)

Estill Title I Actions Needed